

Final Minutes of the  
San Joaquin River Management Program  
Action Team Meeting  
March 21, 2000

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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Modesto, California

### **Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met on March 21, 2000 in the office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Modesto, California. Dale Hoffman-Floerke began the meeting by asking for any comments on the Draft Minutes for the December 16, 1999 meeting. Alex Hildebrand suggested some corrections that were noted and will be made before the notes are made final.

### **SJRMP Project Endorsement**

Alex Hildebrand requested a SJRMP endorsement for a sediment removal project that was proposed earlier at the December 16, 1999 meeting. The proposed project site is located between miles 67 and 68 on the San Joaquin River and is similar to a project described in the 1995 San Joaquin River Management Plan on pages 50 and 51. It was decided that Earle Cummings and Dale Hoffman-Floerke would draft a letter to the CORPS' Comprehensive Program recommending that the CORPS consider the sand removal project as an early implementation project. The draft is to be reviewed by the Action Team and then later presented to the Advisory Council as a possible action item.

### **Watershed Conference**

The watershed conference, held February 7-11, 2000 at the CSU Stanislaus campus was considered an overall success. Over eighty-five participants gained knowledge in the basic watershed components as well as useful networking opportunities. A forecast for rain canceled Thursday afternoon's field trip. However, the field trip speakers came prepared with visual materials and instead presented a virtual field trip indoors. The final total cost for implementing the Turlock course is still in the process of completion. An early total received from the CSU Stanislaus Foundation was estimated at \$60,000.

Another watershed conference is already in the planning stages. The next conference will be held on January 22-26, 2001 at CSU Fresno. Roland Brady, Professor of Geology, is the primary conference contact at CSU Fresno. DWR

finalized a contract with CSUF Foundation. Other funding sources still need to be secured with other sponsors. Applications to CALFED and EQUIP for grants are also being pursued.

Conference topics were discussed for the Fresno course. Earlier conferences, held in Chico and Turlock, concentrated on anadromous fish and streams. The central, southern, and western regions of the San Joaquin Valley are different from the northern region with its lower rainfall and ephemeral watersheds. In order to attract conference participation from local landowners, water districts, and county agencies, issues that are pertinent to this region need to be included in the course topics using local speakers.

### **Planning of the Goals and Objectives Workshop**

The group discussed the future development of SJRMP goals. It was decided that a facilitator would be hired to help refocus the goals in a workshop to be held sometime this summer. A small committee made up of Action Team members was put together to define the workshop objectives for the facilitator. The Action Team will consider these objectives prior to the workshop.

### **CALFED Proposal Solicitation Process**

Rebecca Fawver gave a presentation on the "CALFED Bay-Delta Proposal Solicitation Process (PSP)" for 2001. The format has changed and now requires more detailed information. Changes to the review process have also been made. A pre-submittal workshop is scheduled for April 12, 2000. Proposals are due May 15, 2000. Project funding decisions will be made by October of 2000.

Next Action Team Meeting: May 18, 2000 at 1 p.m.

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